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LOCAL NEWS.

If you see it in the Townsman, it's news to be relied upon; if it is news and so, you'll see it in the Townsman.

Walter A. Rhodes has recovered from his recent illness.

Miss Susie Taylor has been visiting relatives in South Groveland.

Miss Nellie Wheeler has been visiting relatives and friends in South Groveland.

Swan Mortenson will spend the winter with his brother in Omaha, Neb.

The barbers in town will close their shops at noon to-morrow, Christmas Day.

Fred Dodson of Yale University is spending his Christmas vacation at home.

Peter Smith of Cornell is at home for the Christmas holidays.

The Punchard Seniors netted \$1.25 at their recent fair.

Lincoln Lodge, A. O. U. W., will elect officers at the meeting next Monday evening.

Prof. E. Y. Hincks of the Seminary preached at the morning service in the West Church, Sunday.

Charles H. Flynn was fined \$5 for drunkenness in the Lawrence Police court, Wednesday.

The annual concert and ball of the Andover Orchestra will be held in the Town Hall, Friday evening, Jan. 14.

Mary Ready of Ballardvale, who died Friday, was buried in St. Augustine's cemetery, Saturday morning.

Roland Spaulding of Townsend, Mass., is visiting his mother at her home on Bartlett Street.

John Fraser and family have removed from East Chestnut Street to the Eaton house on Maple Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lincoln of Charlestown are visiting Rev. Varnum Lincoln at his home on Summer Street.

Fred Whittemore of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute is spending his Christmas holidays at his home on Main Street.

Rev. F. H. Page of Trinity Church, Lawrence, preached at the Free Church, Sunday in exchange with Rev. F. A. Wilson.

Kingman Waterhouse, recently in the employ of Richardson & Pittman, has succeeded Charles Nolan as clerk in J. H. Campion's store.

At the meeting of the Grange Institute in Tewksbury, Friday, S. H. Boutwell of West Andover presided, and J. T. Lovejoy read a selection during the session.

Only a few Phillips Academy students will spend the Christmas holidays in town. The greater number of the boys left for their homes Wednesday afternoon.

The burial of Sarah A. Fallows, who died at Ballardvale, Friday, took place in Spring Grove Cemetery, Monday afternoon.

At the meeting of the Good Templars, Tuesday evening, plans were perfected for an entertainment which the lodge will give this winter.

Rev. Fr. John P. Gilmore, who preached the sermon at the laying of the corner stone of St. Augustine's Church, Aug. 31, 1878, died in Philadelphia, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Piddington will celebrate their 25th anniversary to-morrow. A reception will be held from 2 to 8 p. m. at their home on School Street.

Recorder E. E. Trefry of Lincoln Lodge A. O. U. W. has presented a check for \$2000, which he received from headquarters Monday night, to the widow of the late William Sparks of Frye Village.

Miss Florence Merrill from Smith College and H. G. Merrill from Amherst College are spending their vacation with their grandmother, Mrs. J. H. Merrill, Salem Street.

Several Scotch residents attended the entertainment and dance held in Saunders' Hall, Lawrence, Friday evening, by Clau McPherson. John Pray conveyed the party to and from Lawrence in a barge.

The Guthrie pigeons will be entered in the third annual exhibition of the Boston Poultry Association, to be held at Mechanics' Building, Boston, beginning Jan. 18, 1898.

At the session of the probate court in Salem, Monday, administration was granted the estates of Joseph Robinson and Jane Lawson of this town. An inventory of the estate of Hannah McIsaac was filed, the amount being \$1000.

A party of six young ladies residing in Andover visited a friend in this city last Tuesday night. They intended to ride home on the last car but when they reached the corner of Lawrence and Essex street they saw the car leaving the transfer station. Many plans were suggested as to how they should reach home but it was finally agreed to walk and so they trudged it the entire distance—Lawrence Tribune.

In the Lawrence police court, Saturday, an Andover case was heard at the civil session, that of Catherine Dacey vs. William F. Reagan, administrator of the estate of Hannah Leahy, deceased. The evidence was to the effect that Mrs. Dacey, while employed at Abbot Academy, had placed \$400 in the hands of Mrs. Leahy for safe keeping. Subsequently the plaintiff went to Ireland, and during her absence, Mrs. Leahy died and Mr. Reagan was appointed administrator of her estate. His defence in court was that he knew nothing whatever of the transaction referred to. E. P. Morton of Lawrence appeared for the plaintiff and Bradley & Sherman for the defendant. The decision was reserved.



"CHRISTMAS COMES BUT ONCE A YEAR."

Fred White who has been in Colorado for over 17 years is visiting in town.

The electric cars to and from Lawrence have been over crowded this week.

Work is progressing on Henry W. Barnard's new house on High Street.

Mrs. E. D. Ladd is visiting relatives in Merrimac, Mass.

There is very little sickness in town at present and only one case of diphtheria has been reported recently.

The Post Office will be open to-morrow morning and evening, between the usual holiday hours.

The new letter carriers have made remarkably good time on their deliveries despite the heavy mails this week.

George E. Smith of Boston is visiting his father, John L. Smith, of High Street, for a few days.

The next meeting of the Andover Burns club will be held Saturday evening, January 1.

There will be a Christmas Concert at the South Church, Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

The Andover orchestra will furnish music at the Good Templars' concert and ball in the Town Hall, New Year's eve.

Miss Mollie Curran, daughter of Maurice Curran, will spend the holidays at her home on North Main Street.

Ira Nelson Morris, P. S. '03, of Chicago, was married to Miss Constance Lily Rothschild of New York city, yesterday.

Dr. W. F. Howard lectured before the classes at the Lawrence General Hospital recently on "Tuberculosis and Contagious Diseases."

Andover was well represented at the Lawrence Star course entertainment in the Lawrence Opera House, Friday evening.

At a session of the police court Tuesday morning, William Mahan of West Parish was fined \$15 for keeping an unlicensed dog. The fine was paid.

Z. S. Eldredge and W. L. Chamberlain have been selected to represent Philo in informal debate with Forum. J. W. Holley and C. N. Kimball will represent Forum.

Supt. Burnham of the almshouse will provide a special Christmas dinner for the inmates of the institution to-morrow, Christmas day. Appropriate exercises will be held in the afternoon.

Dr. C. W. Scott and Lilla J. Manson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Manson of Newton Highlands, were married Wednesday, Dec. 15, the ceremony being performed by Rev. George S. Phipps. Mr. and Mrs. Scott came to Andover, Friday.

Rev. J. S. Colby officiated at the United Congregational Church in Lawrence, last Sunday. The people will take possession of their new edifice the first Sunday in January.

Rev. A. H. Ames of Warner, N. H., well known in Andover, is seriously ill with bronchial pneumonia. Rev. Mr. Ames is a graduate of the Theological Seminary. He married Miss Blanche Poor, who died about a year ago.

The entertainment to be given by Lincoln Lodge, A. O. U. W. next month will be one of the best of the season. No effort is being spared to make the minstrel show the best that has ever been given in town. Besides a farce entitled, "Black Blunders" will be presented. Refreshments for both events are being held regularly and much progress has already been made.

Carl Rowell is the guest of George Carleton of Bradford.

On account of vacation, the Seminary chapel will be closed next Sunday and the Sunday following.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. P. Tuttle will spend Christmas with F. B. Jenkins and family of Merrimac.

The Pilgrim Fathers' annual concert and ball in the Town hall New Year's eve, will be one of the pleasantest events of the season.

There will be good skating on Christmas Day this year and it would take but little more snow in this section of New England to make good sleighing.

The Young Ladies' Society of Christian Workers will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 28, at 4 o'clock in the vestry of the South Church.

At the annual ball of the Andover orchestra to be held in the Town Hall, Friday evening, Jan. 14, the Andover orchestra will render a fine concert program during the early part of the evening.

There is a bad leak in the roof of the Chapel Church. During the recent storm quite a large portion of the carpet on the floor of the church was saturated with water.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Graffam are spending the Christmas holidays at Mrs. Graffam's former home in Auburn, Me. Mr. Graffam will visit relatives in Monson, Me., before his return.

Wm. Garrett who has been confined to his home in Ipswich for several weeks, by illness, is recovering and hopes to be in town after the first of January to look after all pianos that need his attention.

A joint installation of the officers of Gen. Bartlett Post 99, G. A. R., Walter L. Raymond Camp, 8 of V., and the Woman's Relief Corps will be held in G. A. R. Hall, Friday evening, Jan. 7. The Post officers will be installed by Past Commander Geo. W. Chandler.

Weather Record.

Temperature taken in the morning between 6 and 7 o'clock, and at noon between 12 and 1 o'clock.

1897	MOON	NOON	1897	MOON	NOON
Dec. 17	20	32	Dec. 17	28	34
" 18	12	38	" 18	34	33
" 19	28	24	" 19	10	19
" 20	14	28	" 20	10	28
" 21	06	34	" 21	24	34
" 22	12	22	" 22	16	56
" 23	16	22	" 23	22	30

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Kingle a hearty welcome—Christmas
Shopping Unusually brisk—The
Great Christmas tree market.

[SPECIAL TO THE TOWNSMAN.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 22, 1897.

"Be merry all, be merry all,
With holly dress and—jingle bell;
Prepare the song, the feast, the ball,
To welcome Merry Christmas."

Jolly Gotham is getting ready to give
Santa Claus a hearty welcome. The
shops are gorgeous in their festive
glitter. Tremendous throngs of gift
seekers are making memorable the last
days of the holiday shopping season.
Papas and mammas are coming home
with all sorts of queer looking bundles.
Beneath all the jollity there is an air of
delightful mystery. Little hearts are
beating fast in happy anticipations of
what Kris Kingle is going to fill the
stockings with. The "night before
Christmas" is almost here, when all
over the big city from the Ghetto to
"The Avenue," little ears will listen
for the patter of reindeer hoofs on tene-
ment roof, or mansion gable. The
woods have sent their bright holly
berries and fragrant evergreens to
brighten the city's dark corners, and
to gladden many a heart with their
gentle touch of the Nature that lies far
beyond the horizon of roof-tops. Some
curious minds recently argued in a re-
ligious paper in this city against telling
children about Santa Claus. Their rude
skeptical blows at the most charming
romance of childhood have seemingly
had an effect opposite from that intend-
ed, and New York is happily preparing
to honor the merry old Christmas
genius on a more prodigious scale than
ever before.

The Christmas displays in the great
shopping emporiums have outdone
everything heretofore seen in this city.
The present season has seen a marked
advance in the increasing tendency of
trade to offer strong inducements to
people to visit the stores. In the old
fashioned store the stock was piled up
with the chief object of economizing
space. Its principle was that custom-
ers should visit it through force of
necessity rather than as a pleasant di-
version of entertainment. The modern
shop is conducted on very different
principles. Its advertisements, in-
stead of being bald enumerations of
goods and prices, consist of attractively
worded descriptions frequently em-
bellished with tasteful illustrations.
The proprietor of the modern store
pays the window artist a fabulous
salary to arrange the most tempting
show window display and the up-to-
date shops have ceased to be merely
purveyors of goods. In addition to
offering the largest variety of mer-
chandise, they have become public en-
tertainers and educators. Conspicu-
ous among such features in the New
York department stores are picture
galleries containing some of the world's
greatest masterpieces of art, choice
music from skilled orchestras, special
elevated trains for patron's exclusive
use, exhibits of statuary, ladies' writ-
ing rooms, gentlemen's smoking rooms,
pantomime and other scenes for the
children's amusement, shopping guides
etc.

It has been many years since there
has been such a prosperous shopping
season in this city as the present one is
proving. Notwithstanding the dire
calamities prophesied to result from
the passage of the Dingley Law, prices
were never more reasonable than at
present and people were never getting
so much for their money. The man-
ager of one of the largest up town de-
partment stores said the other day that
the shopping in his establishment dur-
ing the past fortnight has exceeded
everything in the store's history.

Among the more elaborate of the
Christmas displays are those of the
Sixth Avenue concern popularly called
"The Big Store." This is the largest
store in the world, occupying 738,000
square feet, while Whitney's in Lon-
don and the Bon Marche in Paris, the
next largest stores, occupy respectively
only 525,000 and 500,000 square feet.
Everything pertaining to household
wants is supplied under this one roof
from a ton of coal to a pet cat. There
is a savings bank, a branch post office,
dental parlors, a drug store, a photo-

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times could not eat. My food caused me
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so fast I had to stop work. My friends
urged me to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. I
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disagreeable symptoms of disease gradu-
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returned. I owe it all to Hood's Sarsapa-
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graph gallery, a conservatory besides
all the various departments from vege-
tables and meats to hardware and
paintings. One day last week 100,000
people entered the main doors. The
prevailing decorations are evergreens
and Chinese lanterns. The scene look-
ing down the long corridor which runs
through the centre of the blocks of
counters resembles a shopping city.
This great passage way is over 400 feet
long and in the centre stands Franche's
statue of the Republic in gilded bronze
and white marble. The statue is in a
pool surrounded by colored electrical
fountains. A large collection of Dore
paintings occupies a spacious gallery
on one of the upper floors. Among
the many paintings in this collection
are: "Christ's Entry into Jerusalem,"
"Moses Before Pharaoh," "The Tri-
umph of Christianity over Paganism,"
"The Christian Martyrs" and "The
Night of the Crucifixion." The show
windows are beautifully arranged with
moving panoramas, and upon a large
platform in front of the store is a team
of stuffed reindeer leading a sled in
which sits a "real live Santa Claus." At
Wanamaker's the most elaborate
Christmas decorations are in the im-
mense rotunda. In the centre stands
an enormous figure representing Saint
Nick, fully fifty feet high, and on the
sides of the rotunda are draped holly
and evergreen. Upon ropes stretched
from floor to floor are strung artificial
monkeys, life size. At Macy's, almost
the whole of the elaborate holiday dis-
play is arranged to entertain the chil-
dren. This store has arranged special
elevated trains for the exclusive use of
its up town patrons. At Ehrlich's a
whole floor has been converted into a
great concert hall and each afternoon
thousands of shoppers have the
pleasure of listening to fine music from
the Seventh Regiment Band and the
Royal Hungarian Orchestra. At al-
most all of the other big stores the dis-
plays and attractions show marvelous
ingenuity and taste.

One of the most interesting features
of the Christmas preparations in New
York is the wholesale Christmas tree
Market on West Street. For blocks
along this street are forests of fragrant
trees stacked up ready for sale. It is
said that about 200,000 trees are sold in
this market every season. They con-
sist chiefly of spruces and balsam fir,
the former coming from the Catskills,
and the latter trees coming chiefly from
Maine woods. There are all sizes and
prices, from the little dollar trees which
a newsboy proudly carries home after
weeks of economy, to the tall beauty
shipped to a banker's home.

Christmas is the one festival in
which all classes of the city's cosmo-
politan population heartily join. Jew
and Gentile, American and foreign
born, all join in celebrating this happy
time. Grand Street, the shopping
thoroughfare of the Ghetto, is as
crowded with dark-eyed, swarthy-faced
shoppers as Fourteenth or Twentieth
Street are thronged by shoppers of a
different race. Over in certain quar-
ters of the East side where every store
sign is in Hebrew, the dark little shops
have taken on color and unwonted
brilliance. In this quarter, too, the
street fakirs have stocked their push
carts with trinkets and bright colored
knick knacks. In almost every quarter
of the town will be found holly vendors
and peddlers with vari colored Christ-
mas signs.

The most enthusiastic celebrators of
Christmas in this city are the Germans
Avenue A which runs through the
centre of the German quarter, is lined
for blocks with holiday goods of almost
every description. This street display
resembles a great annual fair. At
night under the light of flaming
torches and crowded with a gay rol-
licking crowd the scene along the
Avenue seems like that of some foreign
city celebrating a fête day. Thousands
of Germans go no where else than here
for their Christmas gifts.

All the charitable organizations are
arranging to give the needy good sub-
stantial Christmas dinners, and with
far better times than last year, Christ-
mas in New York promises to be merry
indeed.

A. C. M.

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for a whole year. It is now in its
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matter of expression or carefully ex-
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plants, stories teaching Truth, Honesty,
Gratitude, Obedience, Charity, Kindness,
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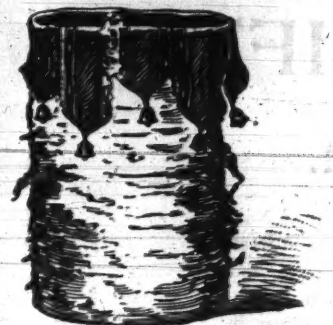
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BIRCH BARK WASTEBASKET.

What For a Pretty and Novel Christmas Gift.

Many people carry home from their
summer outing pieces of birch bark
which they have stripped from the glis-
tening trees during long walks in the
country. Here is a pretty way to utilize
it:

A good sized piece is needed to make
a waste basket—although smaller ones
are pretty to hold graces—one that has
been stripped unbroken from the tree.
Make a cylindrical foundation of very
heavy cardboard just the size of the
bark. Line it with a pretty colored
satin. Cover the outside with the bark.
Cut a circle of the cardboard to fit the
base of the basket. Cover one side with
satin wadded with cotton, the other
with birch bark, and placing the satin
lining inside, overhand it with strong
linen thread to the part of the basket
already made. The ribbon which orna-
ments the top is slipped between the



lining and the birch bark and sewed in
place with silk of the same color. It is
then left to hang over the edge—one
long, one short alternately. The end of
each ribbon is folded to a point and is
tipped with a tiny silver bell.

A russet red or any color suggestive
of autumn leaves or else a pale green or
light blue harmonizes well with the sil-
ver gray of the birch.

Catarrh to Consumption

Catarrh invariably leads to consump-
tion. Growing worse and worse each
winter, those who rely upon the usual
treatment of sprays, washes and inhal-
ing mixtures find that it is impossible
to check the disease with these local
applications which only reach the sur-
face. The offensive discharge increases
all the while, and gets deeper until it is
only a question of a short time when
the lungs are affected.

The importance of the proper treat-
ment can therefore be readily appre-
ciated. But no good whatever can be
expected from local applications, as
such treatment never did cure Catarrh,
and never will. Being a blood disease
of the most obstinate nature, Swift's
Specific (S.S.S.) is the only remedy
which can have the slightest effect upon
Catarrh. It is the only blood remedy
that goes down to the bottom of all stub-
born diseases which other remedies
cannot reach.

Mrs. Josephine Polhill, of Due West,
S. C., writes:
"I had such a severe case of
Catarrh that I lost my hearing in one
ear, and part of the bone in my nose
ear, and was constantly treated
sloughed-off. I was constantly treated
with sprays and
washes, but each
winter the disease
seemed to have a
firmer hold on me.
I had finally been
declared incurable
when I decided to
try S. S. S. It
seemed to get right
at the seat of the
disease, and cured me permanently.
for I have had no touch of Catarrh
for seven years."

The experience of Mr. Chas. A. Parr,
of Athens, Ga., was like that of all
others who vainly seek a cure in local
treatment. He says:
"For years I suffered from a severe
case of Catarrh, the many offensive
symptoms being ac-
companied by severe
pains in the head. I
took several kinds of
medicines recom-
mended for Catarrh,
and used various local
applications, but they
had no effect what-
ever. I was induced to
take S. S. S. (Swift's
Specific) and after four months I was
perfectly well, and have never felt any
effects of the disease since."

Those who have had the first
touch of Catarrh will save endless suf-
fering by taking the right remedy at the
outset. Others who have for years
sought relief and found only disappoint-
ment in local treatment will find it wise
to waste no further time on sprays,
washes, inhaling mixtures, etc., which
are only temporary, and cannot save
them from dreaded Consumption. They
should take a remedy which will
cure them because it can reach their
trouble. S. S. S. is the only blood re-
medy which can reach Catarrh; it promptly
gets at the very bottom of the disease,
and cures it permanently.

S. S. S. (Swift's Specific) is a real blood
remedy, and cures the most obstinate
cases of Catarrh, Rheumatism, Con-
tagious Blood Poison, Cancer, Scrofula
and Eczema, which other so-called blood
remedies have no effect upon whatever.
S. S. S. is the only blood remedy guaran-
teed.

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other dangerous mineral.
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FAIRIES KEEP CHRISTMAS.

A fairy woke one winter night
And looked about with glances bright.
"I think I will arise," she said,
"And leave my comrades in their bed,
And I will go abroad and see
How mortals fare." So, full of glee
At such wild daring, forth she went
On bold investigation bent.

The air was chill; the moon shone bright
As ever on a summer night.
The ground was covered deep with snow,
And trees stood leafless, row on row.
The fairy shivered in the wild
And said, "The friends I left behind
In their deep slumber happier are
Than I who rashly roam so far."

Yet on she went and sought the town
And in anise went up and down
Such lights, such music and good cheer,
As greet no other time of year.
Such happy faces everywhere,
Such glad release from fret and care,
And homes so garlanded with green,
As never before the elf had seen!

"I thought the world was dull and drear
In winter time," said she, "Oh, dear!
I wish my comrades only were
How bright it is, how fresh and new,
Is it white dress, how every street
Is all alive with bounding feet!
How people laugh and sing and play—
It surely is some festive day!"

Through street and house and church and hall
She flitted, wondering more and more
At all she saw and all she heard,
Hoping for some enlightening word,
When on a banner carried high
She saw these words uplifted:
"Rejoice, O earth, be glad and gay!
It is the blessed Christmas day!"

Away she sped o'er town and hill
And field and wood and frozen rill,
Unto a cavern warm and deep,
And woke her comrades from their sleep.
"Arise!" she cried, "Oh, come away!
The world is keeping Christmas day!"
And ever since when birth bells chime
The fairies help keep Christmas time.

—Lillian Grey in Boston Transcript.

THE LIGHT IN
COTTAGE.

"There was a light last night in the
haunted cottage."

My wife's little mother spoke it with
shiver and whisper at the breakfast Christ-
mas morning. Toinette and I looked at
each other as if to ask, "Is her old trouble
coming back?" She, catching our glances,
shook her head.

"No, my dears, there's nothing the mat-
ter with me," answering as if she had read
our thoughts. "There was a light there,"
she reiterated. "I heard some one cough.
There were strokes of a hammer and, a
little later, a carriage was driven away. I
saw it go."

She was so decided in voice and manner,
so different for the moment from her usual
gentle self, that I felt sure nothing allied
her head. We were very watchful of the
dear old lady because she sometimes—not
very often—had mild but temporary de-
lusions. She had never entirely recovered
from the shock caused by the tragic loss
of her husband.

"It was Christmas night a year ago,
John, that you saw a light there," re-
marked Toinette meditatively.

"I have not forgotten it," said I, "nor
how, when I went to look into the matter,
I plumped into a man coming down the
front steps. What followed was something
like this: 'Beg pardon,' I said, 'Being an
officer and seeing a light in this empty
house I thought tramps might have broken
in.'"

"I'm no tramp," replied the man,
speaking in a heavy bass voice, as if he
had a cold.

"It was so odd a thing—
"Odd or not," he broke in, "it's my
house, to do with as I like. What's the
time, officer? But never mind! Here's
my carriage. Good night!" And he was
driven away without so much as a glimpse
of his face."

"Now, I'm not a bit superstitious"—
mother declared it with a vigor and pos-
itiveness that permitted no controversy,
even had we, her children, thought or said
anything to the contrary—"but it made
my flesh creep to think of any one being
alone in that empty, horrible old shell."
"And then you went to bed and cried
over it half the night," asserted Toinette
reproachfully. "Your eyes show it, moth-
er."

"Kill out my memory, daughter, and
the tears will stop." Her lips quivered as
she spoke. "You know I can't help it."
"Yes, I know," and Toinette began to
talk of other matters.

I might as well state right here, so that
the story may be the better kept together,
that misfortunes had in my case trans-
formed me from a bookkeeper into a po-
liceman, and I had found no way of turn-
ing myself back again. The station to
which I was assigned was within five
minutes' walk of the flat we called home.

The cottage about which we had been
talking was a small, one story structure,
with steps coming directly down to the
sidewalk in front and with a scrimp,
weed covered backyard, as if it were a
refuge patch from some rich man's garden.
Less than half a dozen years before it had
been about in the center of a three acre
tract devoted to "truck gardening," but
the city had grown out far beyond it and
was smothering it with great buildings of
brick and stone. The exterior was kept
in good condition by paint, but its interior
condition was unknown, the owner plain-
ly preferring that the property should re-
main tenanted.

This cottage was directly
in the rear of our building, facing a par-
allel street. An alley separated the two
yards. From our rear windows we could
look down on the premises, so that it was
not difficult to notice any unusual happen-
ing. Among old women and children the
place had the reputation of being haunted,
a distinction that seems naturally to be-
come attached to wornout and unoccupied
places, and this one had not been lived in
for many years. For my wife and her
mother—the latter especially—the cottage
was the reminder of the saddest period in
their lives. One Christmas night, just 11
years before, the husband and father,
David Vance, crazed by the ruin brought
upon him by the peridy of a friend and
reduced to a condition of starvation, went
out of that cottage into the blinding fury
of a snowstorm and was not seen or heard
of again. His family had afterward drifted
around, being sometimes in one city,
sometimes in another, until they had un-
wittingly come back to within a stone's
throw of the birthplace of their bitterest
recollections.

After the family had left the cottage the
story ran that a subsequent tenant had
murdered his wife there and that it was
haunted—not by the ghost of the slain, but
by that of the slayer, who had been duly

and properly executed, and that for this
reason no tenant would take the house at
any rent. Still another legend, picked up
by me in conversation with "old settlers,"
and considered from a professional point
of view, was to the effect that the present
owner was a man beyond middle age who
had been disappointed in love, the object
of his affection being the daughter of the
woman who had been murdered and the
man who had murdered her, and that he
came to the house every little while, like
one to the tomb of his departed, to mourn
over his loss, the girl having considerably
married the man she loved. It will be ob-
served that the little house seemed the
nucleus of several tragedies, real or unreal,
and therefore became an uncanny spot to
the superstitiously inclined. A community
of houses, like a community of persons,
seems necessarily to cover disreputable con-
stitutions, and the cottage, from its mean-
ness of appearance and its unpleasant an-
ecedents, looked more disreputable than
any of its neighbors, and seemed, therefore,
always an object of suspicion.

The light of the Christmas day had blend-
ed with the darkness of the Christmas
night. I had traveled my best as in duty
bound. Our dinner had been eaten and
all evidence that it had existed removed
with housewifely skill and care. Frank,
Toinette's big brother, had gone out for a
mile walk, "to shake down his food," as he
said. Toinette was reading to me, half
dozing in a chair, and the clock had just
struck the half hour after 8 when mother,
with an unusual excitement in look and
action, came into the room.

"It's there!" she cried, breathing hard,
her hand over her heart. "I've been
watching for it. Somehow I felt sure that
whoever was there last night would come
again tonight, just as last year."

"What is the matter, mother?" said my
wife, running up to her. "You frighten
me."

"There, there, daughter. I didn't mean
to scare you, but it excites me so to see a
quiet thing like yellow light looking out
between the blind slats of that empty
house that I suppose I show my feelings."

Toinette's forehead had two up and
down wrinkles between her eyebrows as
she looked at me with a hard stare. Then
she spoke:

"An Austen—dear John—you're big
and afraid of ghosts, and are a po-
liceman besides. Now go down to that
shanty and find out what's inside. It will
relieve mother's mind so."

I wasn't on duty, but as officer of the
law ought always to be on duty is the way
I look at it. So I got my work clothes on,
put my star where I could show it easily
and went away with the laughing threat
of arresting the ghost.

Somebody or something was in the old
house, sure enough. Threads of yellow
light around the windows proved it. I
pushed softly at the door of the little lean-
to in the rear. It noiselessly swung open,
letting me into as mean and squalid a
kitchen as I ever saw or heard of. It
wasn't much bigger than a large closet.
The stove was cold and rusty. Its front
door was broken and hung by one hinge.
The griddles had pieces knocked out of
them. Only one pot or kettle was visible.

Two panes of glass were gone from the
one window, and rags were stuffed into the
holes, the tight wooden shutters hiding
them from outside view. A tallow candle,
stuck in its own grease to the bottom of a
ruined saucer, gave a swirling, smoky
flame, by which I saw a few bits of dilapi-
dated crockery on a shelf. The table was
an inverted dry goods box, from which
pieces had been broken for fuel. Great
heavens! Into what a nesting place of
poverty had I stolen my way? What did
this opening scene promise?

My entrance had noiselessly forced open,
just a hair's breadth, the door to the adjoin-
ing room. Blowing out the candle, I en-
larged the opening until my eye could take
in the contents of the apartment. The first
look showed a gray haired man seated at a
table, his arms upon it and his head upon
his arms. I was directly behind him, and
my glances took in the length of the little
room. Such a room and such a table!

The plastering had dropped off the ceiling and
sides, leaving ulceroous looking spots.
What remained was of a dirty, gray color
and a network of cracks. The lath showed
like the ribs of a skeleton.
The table was covered with a cloth,
clean, but porous with holes and fringed
with tatters. In the center was a little
kerosene lamp of glass, whose wick was
so small as to afford little more than a
dusky sort of glow, but it was enough to
show a plate holding six potatoes with
their jackets on and a half loaf of bread.
Three plates turned down, three tumblers
of water and knives and forks at each
place, added to those articles which the
man had pushed aside, were all the table
held. Three vacant chairs, one at each
place, were notices of expected guests.
There was no stove, and the air came cold
and musty into my face through the crev-
ice of the door. Warmly dressed though I
was, I shivered with a dread that I was
looking at the phantom of the dead mur-
derer or at the real and crazed lover or Chris-
mas dinner. The bowed down figure sud-
denly shook as with an ague. A groan
came from it. A minute more the man
was sitting stiffly erect, staring at the ta-
ble and muttering and sighing.

Very real, but very crazy, he seemed.
None the less so when, rising to his feet,
he became a figure of magnificent man-
hood—gray topped, but tall, muscular and
dignified—a soldier in looks, even to the
trimming of the heavy white mustache.
His clothing was black, and not a glint of
ornament was visible. What had this grand
looking old man to do with this place of
chilling misery? He was its foe
by dress and bearing. Its unspeakable
poverty made it his enemy.

He walked the room with long strides
and heavy footfalls, the floor creaking and
groaning under his weight. There was no
cessation of his talking to himself until
placing his hands on the back of his chair,
he halted and looked across the table at
the vacant chairs. Then his mutterings
changed to a loud train of self denuncia-
tions.

"This is the fifth time I have set this
table and sat at it alone," he said. "Where
are you, my loved ones? If you are dead,
I pray God that your spirits may come and
see my grief and shame and learn of my
penitence. If you are dead, then I mur-
dered you—I am an criminal, whether you
are alive or dead. I am so guilty that I
would not dare to tell the world of my
cowardly act. For years I've here done
penance on Christmas nights. This mis-
erable hut is mine—my chapel of confes-
sion, my place of self punishment. What
good is all my wealth if you are not with
me to share it? Guilty coward that I was
to flee from you! Money has not been
lacking to find and restore you to me.
Perhaps you starved to death and lie in
the potter's field. If you are living, it
must be that you deserve them—indeed I do."

Then sinking on his knees he said:
"Good Lord, hear my prayer! Give me
back my loved ones! I have come to this
spot from the ends of the earth year after
year that my past may never be forgotten
by me. I ought to be dead, but I dare not
die. I shall taste tonight of such food as
we ate that night. All that we had. I
would give up all my riches if I might eat
it with my loved ones, but it is not to be
—not to be."

His chin came down upon his breast.
He was a statue of despair. Clearly to me
he was also crazy. He would have been
considered so by any man in my place.
Plainly enough he had worked himself
into a frenzy and at that moment was suf-
fering from a reaction. While he was in
that mood and I was wondering what to
do with him or for him there was a flash
of light, a touch on my arm and a whis-
pered:

"John, what is the matter?" It was
Toinette, with my bullseye lantern.

"You were so long gone that mother be-
gan to fret and worry and I said that we'd
go after you. She's outside. Don't go!
I'll get her." And she was out and back
again before I could do anything.

"A crazy man," I whispered, and gave
them a chance to peep. All three were
watching the man's back, when, with a
heavy sigh, he raised his head, moved to-
ward the front door and thence out upon
the little porch. There were choking and
gasping noises at my side and somebody
clutched at my arm and hung on it heavily.
It was for a moment only, for the pressure
was instantly lightened and mother's voice
said:

"John! John! That man is David! I'm
sure of it. Let me get to him!" And the
frail little woman actually struggled to
get me aside, and doubtless would have
screamed had I not clapped my hand over
her mouth.

"Hush! Be calm!" I said. "It is well
to be certain before we act."

"John, there's the table set just as it
was set the night he disappeared and in
the same room. And this is the anniver-
sary night. Please let me in, John."

"Yes, mother, if you and Toinette will
do just as I wish, for I had a plan in my
mind to test the matter. This being agreed
upon and the heavy tramp of the man still
sounding upon the porch, I almost carried
the two women from where we stood to
the vacant chairs, into which they dropped
in a half faint. As I turned away I lower-
ed the wick of the small lamp so that dis-
covery would not be immediate. The wait-
ing was a long one—intolerable to the two
weak creatures in their agonies of doubt
and hope. Once mother gave a weak, hy-
sterical cry, but smothered it immediately.
Toinette was all of a tremble from cold
and nervousness. At last the man came
groping into the room, confused by its
darkness. "Repentance is useless," I
heard him say. "I shall come no more.
God is not merciful to an old man like
me. I have not the purpose or the will to
keep on hoping. Eh! What's this?"

His hand was so shaky as he leaned
forward over the table to turn up the wick
of the lamp that he fumbled blindly for the
screw and finally had to pull the light to-
ward him. With a full blaze on, he placed
it heavily upon the table close to the two
waiting women, and still leaning forward
stared in their faces as if fascinated. They
also were spellbound, and mother as white
as death. Toinette was, as she afterward
confessed, frightened. The man, she said,
"seemed to be stabbing her with looks
from his eyes." Would he never be done
with that greedy stare?

Twice he raised a hand from the table
and put it to his forehead as if dazed. A
noise in his throat showed that he was
trying to cry aloud as if he were in the
agony of an insupportable dream. The
test was a cruel one, but it did not last
long, perhaps a minute, though it seemed
a score of them.

"Mother! Toinette!" The man fairly
shrieked the names. Their arms went out
to embrace him.

"Alive and in this place tonight of all
nights!" he cried. "God be praised!"

He was standing erect as he spoke, his
clashed hands raised high toward heaven,
his face upturned. "My penance is end-
ed," he said to himself, and began to sway
and clutch at the air and to fall as a great
tree falls.

Into my arms descended David Vance,
like one tired out with hard labor. In the
lap of the little mother I laid the great
gray head that had, like hers, lived on
hope so many years. The daughter's hands
came, like bracelets of love, upon her fa-
ther's wrists. Thus he rested until con-
sciousness came back and his opened eyes
saw the loves of his old life, glorified
through many tribulations.

At last, after 11 long years of such spiri-
tual torture as befalls few people, the
broken threads of his family life were once
more in the hands of David Vance. He
said so, with an indescribable pathos of
look and voice, at the reunion supper that
same night at the Westmoreland after the
bewildered Frank had been added to the
party.

"Not until tonight did I lose hope," re-
marked the old gentleman. "I can't give
any reason for not surrendering to what
seemed a certainty. Wherever I was, in
the mines or in great cities, there was al-
ways within me a spiritlike confidence that
some if not all of us would meet
again. Tonight for the first time I de-
spaired, and yet"—halting for a second
and looking around the table with the ei-
quency of undying affection in every line
of his noble face—"and yet, see! we're
here, all of us, alive and full of cheerfulness,
as if there'd been no storm."

"Thanks for this to John's curiosity,"
murmured Mrs. Vance from under her
arm.

"Thanks to little mother's restlessness,
that was always expecting something,"
said I.

"Thanks to the good Lord, above all
else," said Mr. Vance slowly and solemn-
ly, as if it were a prayer. —Chicago Post.

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Oh, sweet across the glistening fields
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And joyously each loving heart
Doth greet this holiday.

Now "Peace on earth, good will to men!"
Is passing through the air
While hearts with kindness overflow
And rest replaces care.

"Behold the Christ-child, newly born!"
Reverends the glad refrain,
And every soul that hears the song
Christlike, is born again.

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12.50 ar. 1.15; 1.50 ar. 2.15; 2.45 ar. 3.15;
3.45; 4.34 ar. 5.30; 5.40 ar. 6.15; 6.45; 7.15 ex.
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6.58 ar. 8.05; 8.57 ar. 7.56; 7.58 ar. 8.45. All accom-
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in Andover, 6.56; 7.50 ar. 8.50; 9.35 ar. 10.35;
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Lowell 8.54; 8.55 ar. 9.50; 9.50 ar. 10.37; 10.37 ar.
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ar. 3.25; 4.34 ar. 4.58; 5.46 ar. 6.17; 7.15 ar. 7.48;
8.49 ar. 10.37. SUNDAY A. M. 8.35 ar. 9.17. P. M.
12.22 ar. 12.58; 4.34 ar. 5.06; 5.58 ar. 6.25; 7.52 ar.
8.22.

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ar. 10.34; 10.50 ar. 11.32. P. M. 12.05 ar. 12.41;
2.30 ar. 3.06; 3.20 ar. 4.15; 4.05 ar. 4.41; 5.10 ar.
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7.15 ar. 8.30, 11.30 ar. 12.37. P. M. 4.35 ar. 5.46;
6.00 ar. 7.15.

GOING EAST. A. M. 6.55, 8.20, 8.58, 10.24 N.
Z. P. M. 12.41 N. 1.02, 3.05 N. H. 4.15 N. H. 4.41 N.
5.42 N. 6.57, 6.40 N. H. 7.53 N.

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Andover's Christmas Gift.

The ridge, and valley where bright waters run, Twin children of the glacier and the sun, May gather treasures through the coming days For all the lovers of their quiet ways.

Their fair spring blossoms each and all may share, Winds, to your doors, their fragrance bear, Still shaded aisles refresh the weary brain, And cheer the toiler to his task again.

We bless the Giver—and each generous hand That, in His strength, would guard the land, From over-thriftiness, or greed, For ministry to nobler need.

ANDOVER, DEC. 1897. S. C. H.

A Lessening of the True Christmas Spirit.

The Christmas season again awakens the spirit of giving.

There is no better agency to keep the bustling, pushing, competing American people happy and contented than this very spirit of giving, and it is to be regretted that each succeeding holiday season sees a lessening of its power to that end.

At first thought the reader may question the assumption that there is less of Christmas charity, but one needs only to watch the Christmas shopper and study the Christmas store displays to be convinced of its truth.

We are inclined to think there is no reason to regret this curtailment in giving, if it is viewed only from the standpoint of the give and take idea, but viewed in the broader way of its effect upon the selfish side of humanity, it is certainly a matter of serious moment.

The average American cannot really afford to become any more selfish than he is at present. Already the self centered life is holding too full sway in our daily doings, and the spirit of charity is being badly choked in its efforts to survive the pushing Yankee method of living.

The Christmas season may well be hailed then, as a halting time in this selfish rush, and he who looks on, and calls the Christmas giving a fad and a foolish waste of money, may well hesitate before passing such a judgement.

"Good will to men" is a lesson that was never needed so much as it is today, and the Christmas giving in the right spirit, is the very best exemplification of that lesson, that is possible.

Then let the "Merry Christmases" ring out everywhere, and the more they are accompanied by tokens of the love and good will of man to man, the nearer will our people get to the true Christmas spirit.

Editorial Clinders.

There will be hundreds of people to-morrow who will number their presents by the dozens; there will be thousands who will number theirs by the zeros. You cannot show the true spirit of Christmas charity better than to share your dozen with your poor neighbor's zero.

Mark Twain's latest joke is a much appreciated one by the recipients of the \$50,000 that he has recently paid on account of the bankrupt publishing firm of which he was a member.

Governor Wolcott honors Andover much, but the public service more, in appointing Dr. Bancroft to the state almshouse trusteeship.

Advertised Letters.

Unclaimed letters, Dec. 20, 1897.

Anderson, Peter
Brown, S. M.
Campbell, M. F.
Hazen, Henry C.
Johnson, Edward L.
Marsh, Mrs. Louise
Marler, Mrs. Jennie
Murray, Katherine
Nicholson, George W.
Nichols, Alvin B.
Peterson, S. K.
Saunders, Mrs. B. P.
Santa Claus
Tucker, W. F.
ARTHUR BLISS, P. M.

To the aged, with their poor appetite, feeble circulation and impoverished blood, Ayer's Sarsaparilla is a boon beyond price. Its effect is to check the ravages of time, by invigorating every organ, nerve and tissue of the body. See Ayer's Almanac for the new year.

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CHRISTMAS IN THE SCHOOLS

Appropriate Exercises Held by Andover Children Last Friday.

The observance of Christmas in the schools is becoming more extended each year and the exercises held by the pupils of the Andover public schools, Friday, were excellent.

Friday was the last day of the term before the Christmas vacation and in every school in town appropriate Christmas exercises were held. In some schools the program was more elaborate than in others, but the larger part of the day was devoted to the observance of Christmas.

As there is no hall in the John Dove school, the children in that building did not have a special program for the whole school, as was the case in the Stowe School. In each room, however, the day's work was brightened by special exercises. Many of the parents of the children were present. Christmas gifts were exchanged between pupils and teachers.

Similar exercises were held in the Frye and Abbott Village Schools and in the several districts.

The program at the Stowe School was as follows:

Selection, ORCHESTRA.

Recitation, Christmas, WILLIE BLISS.

The Court of King Christmas, PUPILS FROM NINTH GRADE.

The Boy's Christmas, PUPILS FROM NINTH GRADE.

A Christmas Carol, ELLA AND MARGERY KARCHER.

Evergreen Framed Drill, PUPILS FROM NINTH GRADE.

Song, HENRY OTIS.

How the seven little Sisters spent Christmas, PUPILS FROM NINTH GRADE.

Recitation, The Christmas Tree, HOWARD BELL.

Piano Solo, HAROLD COLE.

Selection, ORCHESTRA.

Recitation, Sly Santa Claus, ISABELL CROCKETT.

Recitation, Two little stockings, RENNA SMITH.

Song, MASTER KILCUP.

Recitation, Somebody's Coming, FLORENCE LINDSEY.

The Day after Christmas, PUPILS FROM NINTH GRADE.

Song, MASTER KILCUP.

Recitation, A Christmas Carol, TIMOTHY RICKY.

Piano Solo, RENNA SMITH.

Indian, Ridge School.

The Indian Ridge school closed Friday afternoon. No special program was prepared as the teachers had planned to give the children a Christmas party. The children were invited to return on Monday afternoon and were pleasantly entertained by their teachers. A short program prepared by the principal, Miss M. C. Donovan, was greatly enjoyed by the children. After playing several games of ice cream, cake and candy were served.

Dec. 21, 1727.

In 1727, just 170 years ago, the records of Samuel Phillips in the Church Register inform us of the widespread terror throughout the Province on account of the earthquake shocks which began between 10 and 11 o'clock, Oct. 29, 1727, and continued without much rest until Dec. 21, when a general East was observed. Many in the church among the unregenerate were baptized, while those baptized in youth renewed the baptismal covenant. In one month twenty-three heads of families in the South Parish came into full membership besides thirty-one including Scipio, the Phillips' servant, taking the half way covenant. (Methuen was set off as a separate town at that time but probably did not relieve us very much.)

The church secured seventy-one members in 1727 and eighty-seven in 1728 as the earthquake harvest. At Newbury, where the central force seemed to do the best work, the earth "opened with a sulphurous blast and threw up loads of sand and ashes with a stench more nauseous than a putrifying corpse." These preparations for future Klondykes in a later New England, on Jan. 20, 1728, culminated in a very great shake about two o'clock on Tuesday morning. How the thirty-one new members of the Sunday previous must have enjoyed that "warm, clear, calm day before."

Along the Merrimack Valley which suffered most, cellar walls and chimney tops fell apart and the fishermen of the coast thought they had struck shoals of loose ballast. The sand was of a fine blue color and for two months, in some localities, water poured from the cavities.

Springs of good water, never freezing for 80 years in the memory of the aged, sank away, and on bubbling up again froze afterwards like ordinary water pools. "Brute creatures ran roaring about the fields as if in great distress." Boston heard the roaring of a great chimney. Shocks lasted nearly two minutes, but during all the continuous shaking not particular damage was done to the low and substantial homes of that period.

A. O. U. W. Entertainment.

Following is the cast of characters in the farce, "Black Blunders" to be given by Lincoln Lodge A. O. U. W., in connection with their minstrel show:

Julius Crow, a patent blacking pedler, GEORGE W. BAILEY.

Jocelyn Highfyer, a dandy barber, JOHN KENNEDY.

Major Raccoon, a military guardian, D. H. HILTON.

Sam Censar, in love with Cynthia, HARRY PLAYBOY.

Pompey Ducklegs, a hotel keeper, JOE SQUAD.

Joe Squad, his right hand man, IRA BUXTON.

Cynthia Raccoon, a runaway evening star, MRS. POMPEY DUCKLEGS.

Mrs. Pompey Ducklegs, landlady, H. E. LITTLE.

Phyllissey Ann, a kitchen maid, J. HILTON.

Gum, visitors at the Convention (John Smith, H. Eastwood, J. Barrett, J. Garalde).

Barterder, Supernumeraries, etc.

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The popular Juvenile Books at L. C. Moore & Co.'s Department Store, Lawrence, for 10c. each.

ANDOVER SAVINGS BANK SOLID.

No Foundation for the Rumors that the Institution Has Suffered Losses.

Considerable excitement was occasioned in town Friday night by rumors that the Andover Savings Bank had suffered severe losses through the failure of a large contractor in Melrose.

Not only is there no foundation for such a story but an interview with the bank officials elicits the information that the bank is abundantly secured in all of its dealings and as will be seen by the following official statement, is in splendid condition:

Statement.

On Nov. 30 last the bank had as deposits \$2,000,000 well invested in good securities.

Reserve fund of all that the law allows it to hold \$131,000.

Interest account, 28,475.

Profit and loss account, 77,500.

Excess value of securities at market values carried on the books at par, over 100,000.

Total surplus fund, \$271,000.

M. T. STEVEN, President.

JOHN F. KIMBALL, Treasurer.

Punchard Fair.

The Punchard Fair closed Friday evening and was successful in every way. The laughable farce, "My Turn Next," was presented during the evening with excellent effect. The cast was as follows:

Tarascon Twitters, Edward Hemmer.

Tom Trap, Walter Lamont.

Tim Bolus, B. F. Smith, Jr.

Mrs. Tarascon Twitters, Miss Alice M. Bell.

Celly, Miss Betsey Dodson.

Peggy, a servant, Miss Charlotte Holt.

Scene: An Apothecary's Parlor.

The articles on the various tables which were not sold were auctioned off by Ralph Baldwin and considerable money was realized.

Frank Hill won the pole guessing contest by a guess of 14 1/2 feet, the actual height being 14 5/8. The prize was a box of akates.

Walter Rhodes received a pair of boxing gloves for making a score of 187 out of a possible 165 in a shooting contest.

Woman's Union Auxiliary.

An unusually large audience greeted Mrs. Drinkwater, the new president of the Woman's Union Auxiliary in the South Church parlors on Tuesday. After the devotional exercises Mrs. Joseph Smith gave an interesting report of the Semi Annual Meeting at Melrose Highlands. One item of especial interest to Andover ladies deserves mention here. Miss Fay, who was present at the Melrose Highlands meeting, years ago while engaged in missionary work in San Francisco, became interested in a little Greek girl whom she assisted. Mrs. Crawford, also present at the meeting, was largely instrumental in molding this young girl's Christian character. She is known to us as Mrs. Calliope Valtres and led the noon prayer meeting at Melrose Highlands. After Mrs. Smith's report the president very gracefully introduced Mrs. Olive Twitchell Crawford. Her introduction was most happy, for she assured the ladies she had no lace to sell there, and would not harrow their souls by tales of the massacres. Thus reassured, they listened with great pleasure to her most interesting talk. She especially bespoke the prayers of all for the Bible women, and native preachers and helpers, who carry heavy burdens patiently for Christ's sake.

Dr. Bancroft's Appointment.

At a recent meeting of the Executive Council, Governor Wolcott named Dr. C. F. P. Bancroft, trustee of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury to succeed the late Warren E. Rice of Lawrence. The appointment is regarded as an excellent one, Dr. Bancroft being peculiarly fitted for such an office by his twenty-five years' experience at the head of Phillips Academy, an institution which requires a great deal of executive ability.

What He Went to College For.

In a recent issue of the Springfield Homestead the following paragraph appeared among the dramatic notes: "Showman Keith is making his millions in the theatre business, but it isn't just what he would advise a young man to go into. Mr. Keith has just taken his son out of college and sent him to college to study medicine."

As Mr. Keith never lets a misleading statement of that kind go by without correction, the following vigorous letter to the Homestead was the result: "On the contrary the theatrical business is just what my son went to college and is taking an academic course for. He has never had the slightest leaning towards medicine, nor any thought of studying it. The theatre is just what I would advise any young man to go into who has anything like the inclination for it that I had, and I care not how high he sets his standard morally when I say this. I believe his opportunities for benefiting his fellow man to be quite as large in the show business as they would be were he a minister of the gospel, and the chances for doing good which present themselves in the business—just as numerous. I believe that some of the most powerful agents we have for the general welfare of the community at large are the people in and out of the church who are seeking to elevate our amusements. I not only think and believe, but I know from personal observation that the standard of the London Music Hall has been elevated by these same workers, and am happy in the belief that many of the vaudeville managers at home and abroad are beginning to see the increased financial benefits accruing from a system of amusement—entertaining that appeals to the good sense of all respectable citizens and elicits the favorable commendation of the occupants of the bench, the pulpit, the editorial chair, and others in high places whose good opinion and countenance is the best testimonial that any amusement manager can ask for. There is a wide field for young men in the theatrical business, and the better equipped they are with education the more competent will they be to wrestle with its problems and suggest remedies for its shortcomings."

Andover Association.

The following programme has been arranged for the coming year:

ESSAYS.

The Gift of the Holy Spirit. (Taken).

Is Ritech Orthodox? (Taken).

The Problem of Missions.

New Movements in Education.

LITERARY STUDIES.

Advantage of the Study of Shakespeare to the Minister. (Taken).

Browning.

Parkman's Histories.

Matthew Arnold.

BOOK REVIEWS.

McGifford's Apostolic Age. (Taken).

The Life and Letters of Phillips Brooks.

Professor William James' "The Will to Believe."

Goddard's "Problems of Democracy." (Taken).

PROFESSIONAL DISSEMINATIONS.

The Present Condition of the Congregational Ministry. (Taken).

The Modern Sermon.

The Ministry and Church Machinery.

The Prayer Service.

CALLS IT A LOTTERY.

Judge Carter of Haverhill Decides Against Trading Stamps.

In a test case regarding the trading stamp business, Judge Carter of Haverhill fined William F. Thayer \$10, the minimum sentence.

In summing up the case, Judge Carter said that there was a wide difference between the present case and that which was taken to the supreme court. Judge Carter, in speaking of that case, said that a picture was offered as an inducement. The person purchasing a piece of tobacco knew that he was to get a picture. Under this case the stamp is advertised. It is embodied in the contract. A person trades, not for a specific thing, but he has to wait to have the arrangement carried out. So it is with Officer McLaughlin. He bought an apron and then waited for the trading stamp. The clerk did not give them to him, and he had to ask for them. The trading stamps are not like the picture given in the case contained in the 165th report. The stamp represents a gift. The picture represents nothing. The stamp holds out nothing except the future. It is to fit this kind of a scheme that the law was made. There is not the least question but that it covers it. In fact, it covers it like a blanket. The law under which this complaint has been brought was enacted to prevent this unhealthy stimulation of trade. It is only fair, honest and close competition that makes the best stimulus of trade. One has only to look at the magnitude of the book to see its true meaning. One may die before the book is filled. It stimulates the gambling instinct and is an unhealthy stimulus for trade. It is clear that the law would in time see it is bad, and then it would

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Alphabet,
Go Bang,
Cinderella,
Little Bo-Peep.
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Happy Family,
Corner Grocery,
25c. GAMES
Bicycle Game,
Gold Fields,
Old Maid,
Christmas Dinner,
Authors,
10c. GAMES
Tit Tat Toss,
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Snap,
Robinson Crusoe,
Path of Gold,
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Overdrafts, secured and unsecured, 114.51
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation, 50,000.00
Stocks, securities, etc., 11,790.00
Banking House, furniture, and fixtures, 45,000.00
Due from approved reserve agents, 20,513.36
Checks and other cash items, 864.76
Notes of other National Banks, 3,589.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents, 209.08
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:
Specie, 11,340.95
Legal-tender notes, 1,000.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation), 2,250.00
Total, \$361,604.95

LIABILITIES.
Capital stock paid in, \$125,000.00
Surplus fund, 25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid, 6,645.14
National Bank notes outstanding, 45,000.00
Dividends unpaid, 10.00
Individual deposits subject to check, 108,124.53
Demand certificates of deposit, 1,826.29
Total, \$361,604.95

State of MASSACHUSETTS, County of ESSEX, ss:
I, J. Tyler Kimball, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. TYLER KIMBALL, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of December, 1907.

GEORGE W. FOSTER, Notary Public.

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LOCALS.

Carl Fagerstrom has entered the employ of J. H. Campion as clerk.

John Anderson has left the employ of J. H. Campion.

At the Baptist church Sunday evening a Christmas tree will be the principal feature of the exercises.

Appropriate Christmas services will be held at the various churches in town Sunday.

J. Lyman Belknap of Dartmouth college, is at home for the Christmas vacation.

The barber shops in town did not close Thursday evening of this week on account of the holiday Saturday.

Miss Mary Graffam is spending her Christmas vacation with Miss Sarah Blunt of Salem Street.

Instructor Graham of Phillips Academy is enjoying a hunting trip in the Maine woods during his Christmas vacation.

"A Girl from Paris" will draw many Andover theatre goers to the Lawrence opera house Monday and Tuesday evenings next week.

Local business men report good trade for the past week. The stores in town are well stocked with a variety of goods equaling in quality the display of any town of Andover's size, and with prices much more moderate than those which prevail in most towns.

The Dartmouth college glee, mandolin and guitar clubs which are to appear at the town hall on Tuesday evening, Jan. 11, 1898, are acknowledged to be worthy of the patronage of all lovers of good music. The mandolin club, under the leadership of Mr. Leggett, who has had charge of it for the past two seasons, is second to no such similar organization. The glee club is better than ever, and Mr. Crane with considerable experience before New England audiences, has chosen selections which will make an attractive and lively program. College and campus songs are a rarity. Don't miss this chance.

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UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Rev. ARTHUR L. GOLDER, Pastor. Services for Sunday, Dec. 29.
10.30 A. M. Worship with sermon by the pastor.
Sunday School to follow morning service.
3.00 P. M. Meeting of the Junior Endeavorers.
5.00 P. M. Meeting of the Y. F. S. C. E. Consecration meeting.
7.00 P. M. Praise service with address by the pastor.
7.30 P. M. Thursday evening prayer meeting.
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Rev. C. LE VEAUX ROBERTS, Pastor. Services for Sunday, Dec. 29.
10.30 A. M. Worship with sermon by Rev. Geo. Moody.
Sunday School to follow morning service.
3.00 P. M. Epworth League meeting.
7.00 P. M. Special evangelistic meeting. Sermon by Rev. David L. Martin and solos by Mrs. David L. Martin.
Special services each evening at 7.30 P. M.

Miss Ada Stark is visiting friends in Westvale.

See John W. Scott's "ad." in another column.

Mrs. Olive M. Lowe is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Smith, High Street.

Warren Mears will spend Christmas with his brother, Joseph Mears, in Maynard, Mass.

Miss Annie F. Cullinane, of Andover, spent Thursday with her friend, Miss Mamie Scott, Andover Street.

J. W. Davies of Rochester, N. Y., has been spending several days with his brother, Charles E. Davies, Lowell St.

Miss Edna Brewer of Medford is visiting her friend Mrs. Wilbur F. Ward, Sand Street.

Ballard Vale Lodge No 105, initiated one new member at its regular meeting last Monday evening.

Mrs. Jabez Lockwood and son, Dimon, of New York, are visiting her sister, Mrs. Alvin T. Morrill, High Street.

The Whist Club met last Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith, High Street.

The fifth number in the Bradlee Course will be given next Wednesday evening, consisting of a concert by the Eterpe Mandolin, Banjo and Harp Club.

Last Wednesday in Shelton, Conn., a daughter, Helen Louise, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clemens Kintz, former well known residents of the Vale.

Last Monday a High Mass Requiem for the late Mrs. Catherine Scott was held in St. Joseph's Church. Rev. Fr. Field sang "Jesu-alem, my happy home" in a remarkably fine and impressive manner.

The teachers of the Bradlee School received many tokens of love from their pupils, who in turn were kindly remembered by their teachers. All of which is proof positive that our teachers command the love and respect of their scholars in a marked degree.

Rev. David L. Martin and wife of Boston will conduct special evangelistic meetings in the Methodist Church, commencing next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock and continuing through the week and until further notice. Rev. Mr. Martin is a powerful and effective preacher and Mrs. Martin is a fine singer, and her solos are expected to be extremely helpful and inspiring. Everyone is heartily welcome to all these meetings.

The Methodist Sunday School will have their Christmas entertainment in their church to-night at 7.30 o'clock. The feature will consist of a cantata entitled "The Tables Turned." Instead of the usual Christmas Tree, Santa Claus will distribute the presents by a Post Office and bank system, which promises to be quite novel and new. The public is very cordially invited to be present and enter with the children into the spirit of the occasion.

The Congregational Sunday School will have their Christmas tree exercises in Bradlee Hall to-night at 7.30 o'clock. A Christmas Cantata will be given by the children. Special pains and care have been taken in the preparations of the exercises and they promise to be the very best ever given by the school. Santa Claus will surely be present. All are cordially invited to attend. Come and help the children to enjoy their treat.

Miss Mary Ready died last Thursday evening at the home of her sister, Mrs. Sylvanus Perry, Lowell Street, from the effects of a paralytic shock she received about two years ago. The deceased was 72 years old and had resided in the Vale during the past 38 years. Miss Ready has been a great sufferer during the past two years and her patience and courage won the admiration of all her friends and neighbors. She leaves two sisters, Mrs. Sylvanus Perry and Mrs. Charles Lane, to mourn her loss. The funeral took place Saturday morning at nine o'clock from St. Joseph's church, and was conducted by the Rev. Father Lynch. Interment in Catholic cemetery.

Mrs. Sarah Ann (Barrett) Fallows, wife of John Fallows, died last Friday evening at 11 o'clock, of heart disease, at her home on Marland Street, at the age of 62 years, 4 months. The deceased was born in Alkington, Eng., in 1835, and coming to this country in 1864 she resided in Andover where she remained about two years when she came to Ballardvale where she has since resided. Mrs. Fallows was one of the leading and most faithful members of the Methodist Church of which she has been a member for the past 23 years. During the past four years she has been a great sufferer and her patience and submission to the Divine Will has been noticed by all who have come in contact with her. Besides her husband she leaves three daughters and one son to mourn her loss. Funeral took place Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Methodist Church and was conducted by Rev. C. Le Verne Roberts assisted by the Rev. E. E. Smith of Lynn. Interment in Spring Grove Cemetery.

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THE IRISH QUEEN.

Maggie Cline Interviewed by a Lawrence Reporter at the Opera House.

Lawrence is enjoying a visit just at present from one of her adopted daughters, Maggie Cline, "the Irish queen." I say "adopted daughter" because Maggie was not born in Lawrence. She told the writer so last night and there is no reason to disbelieve her, so put up your "hammers," boys, and while you loyally contend that Maggie is a Lawrence girl mournfully admit that she first saw the light in Haverhill. Perhaps she is as sorry for the latter fact as you are. She came here in infancy with her parents and lived up on Elm street until she was about five years old. Why couldn't she have postponed her arrival until Lawrence had been reached and thus have saved all this controversy! For a while she went to the Pine street school. But we are wandering from the point.

Last night the writer was in the opera house and met Mr. Graham, the manager of the cake walk show, and he volunteered to introduce him to Miss Cline, who was sitting in one of the boxes. That formality over the reporter was invited to sit by the lady and view the remainder of the performance. He did so but pleads guilty to having taken more note of the famous singer of "Throw 'im down McKloskey" than of the dancing darkies. Miss Cline herself seemed deeply interested in the performance and frequently manifested her approval by hearty laughs or vigorous hand claps. And a hearty laugh indeed it was. Maggie's laugh is not that of a school girl or a timid woman, but big and resonant. Did you ever hear her sing her famous song and particularly the stanza which reads "Yer kin hick 'im if yer try." There is a depth of voice and sentiment combined in those utterances which does not give the impression that Maggie is a weakling.

When the performance was over she gave the writer a few moments of undivided attention and told him something about the song that helped to make her famous. She said that John W. Kelley wrote it for her and that she "made a hit" the first time she sang it in New York. At first, however, she did not make use of the noise representing the manner in which McKloskey mauled "the naygur." That idea came to her from some newsboys. The latter had heard her rehearsing the song and thought the turbulent words of the chorus signified turbulent action. In their own rendition on the streets they would jump and stamp when they came to the words "Throw 'im down McKloskey," and pandemonium generally would reign. Miss Cline saw them doing this one day and she was not slow to realize the value of the noise. That is how it has come to pass that the chorus reminds us of the caving in of a house and our hearts go out in pity to the unfortunate "naygur."

"Yes," said Miss Cline, "the song has been very popular. I have used it since '92 and more than once I have tried to drop it but the public seem to want it. I have sung it before many well known people and last summer up at Lake Champlain I came near singing it to President McKinley. I had a very pleasant call on him." She told the reporter that she was resting this year and not doing any stage work to speak of. The past few seasons have worn on her strength considerably and the need of rest has been keenly felt. Regarding her last play "On Broadway," in which she was seen at the opera house last season, she expressed herself unfavorably saying that she needed something more after the comedy than the melodramatic order. As for vaudeville, in which her reputation was gained, she says it has grown too hard, the continuous performance idea being very trying. In her conversation she gives the impression of being good natured and hearty. And by the way Maggie is more than a "good looker."

Improving Rapidly.

Francis Furlong, who fell from a Berkeley street car at Jackson street Saturday night, is rapidly improving in his condition at the general hospital. His injuries consisted only of bruises and it is expected he will be able to resume his duties on the mail car in a few days.

PRESENTED A SIDEBORD.

Surprise Party tendered Mr. and Mrs. Harrison T. Quimby.

A surprise party was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Harrison T. Quimby at their home, 17 State street, Tuesday by members of the encampment branch of Odd Fellows in this city. About 8 o'clock the company, numbering some 30, took possession of the house and proceeded to enjoy themselves. First, however, the object of their visit was made known. In a few words, expressing the regard in which Mr. Quimby was held by his fellow patriots, John Leybourne presented him and his estimable wife a handsome oak sideboard. Although placed at a disadvantage by the suddenness of the attack, Mr. Quimby was able to respond in a fitting manner. Cards, songs, and other diversions followed. Selections were rendered by the Kearsarge encampment quartet, songs by Otto F. Seiferth and piano compositions by E. E. Davies. Mr. Quimby is foreman of the western division wrecking department of the Boston & Maine and several of those present are employed with him. The committee to whom credit is due for the success of the affair comprised John Leybourne, Alfred Eisner, and Herman M. Seiferth. Among those present were: J. Henry Reynolds, Fred Cushing, John T. Driver, Alfred Paul, Charles H. Robinson of North Andover; Frederick Hanson, Timothy Anderson, E. E. Davies, Chas. A. Leach, Charles L. Place, Ernest L. Underwood, James Twiss, J. H. Shaw, Dr. Fuller, Frank Simmons, Alonzo Coburn, Francis Strong, George W. Towne, Jr., Frank Paul, A. G. Butler, J. F. Morris, E. L. Bragdon, Samuel Sidebottom, Wallace McLeod, Bert C. Morgan, T. C. Guphill, James Moffat, George Moffat, Henry Wilson, John Biers.

New Police Officer.

A special meeting of the board of aldermen was held Monday night and it brought forth quite a surprise, although the session was of only three minutes duration. To the complete surprise of those present Mayor Jenkins announced the appointment of Frank R. Lewis as a police officer. In so doing he told the board that it was not an addition to the force but a step practically ordered by the civil service commissioners. Lewis was confirmed.

It seems that Mr. Hawley of the board of commissioners was in town recently examining several of the city departments, among them the street and police. It was shortly before the time that D. C. O'Sullivan's pay in the street office was stopped, that step being a consequence, it is said, of his visit. The commissioner learned that the Special Officer Collopy had been doing regular duty for some time and he is said to have claimed that this was not legal as Collopy had not qualified under civil service rules. He informed the mayor that such violations of the law were quite common in this city and that they must be stopped. His honor visited the commission in Boston last Friday and consulted with them about the case and says he was told that Collopy's retention under existing conditions was clearly illegal and must be removed. That is the reason why he says he appointed Lewis to take Collopy's place. The surprise is only natural as no such step had been expected by the police officials themselves.

Another matter settled by this meeting was the issuing of a certificate of election to Alderman-elect Matthes of ward three. The board of registrars reported in favor of that action and there was no "minority" report as had been expected. It was voted to issue certificates to the other candidates also. The full board was present with the exception of Alderman Kidder of ward one.

Arranging for Banquet.

The Sherman club which is composed chiefly of members of Battery C, contemplate holding a banquet in the near future. C. D. Morrell, Sam Gamble, James Holmes and John Driscoll are arranging for the event.

After the first of the year a rule goes into effect on the Boston & Maine railroad which will apply to all employees of the road. It is that no free passes will be given, but instead employees can ride at half-fare rates.

Overseers Want An Ambulance.

In order to get some idea of a suitable ambulance for the use of the pauper department of this city, a committee from the overseers of the poor visited Haverhill this morning and inspected the ambulance in use in that city. The committee consisted of Overseers Victor and Collins. They were accompanied by Mayor Jenkins.

The committee was much pleased with the vehicle which is up-to-date in every respect, but the price, \$450, did not suit. It is the opinion of the committee that a similar ambulance can be built for considerably less and the members will recommend that bids be asked for from local carriage builders.

The Haverhill ambulance was built in New Bedford and the committee believes that considerable money can be saved by having the wagon built in Lawrence. Action in the matter will be taken soon.

Miss Sarah McLaney is visiting in Dorchester.

Miss Emma Hurst is visiting in South Groveland.

Miss Francis Langley is visiting relatives in South Groveland.

Miss Myra Boynton will spend the Christmas holidays at her home in this city.

Charles Bradley of this city has been spending a few days in South Groveland.

Phillip G. Carleton of Harvard college has returned home for the Christmas vacation.

Miss Emma J. Petty spent Sunday among relatives and friends in South Groveland.

J. L. Nudd has accepted a temporary situation at L. C. Moore & Co's, during the holidays.

Cornelius A. Sweeney, who was for many years employed at the opera house, has been secured as manager for the new theatre.

Architect A. E. Bodwell is just recovering from a severe attack of sciatic rheumatism, having been confined to the house for about three weeks.

Battery C will hold a dance Christmas afternoon and evening at the armory.

At the First Baptist church Sunday evening a Christmas concert will be given.

A reception will be tendered Prof. Ralston's advance class in Pilgrim hall, Dec. 31.

Miss Amanda Colvin will tender a reception to her pupils, Dec. 30, in the old battery building.

United Brothers lodge, I. O. O. F., worked the second degree at last night's meeting. The lodge will elect officers next Monday night.

Lawrence lodge, 100, A. O. U. W., will hold a public installation in Pemberton hall on the evening of Jan. 7. A smoke talk will take place after the meeting.

METHUEN.

Kearsarge lodge, Knights of Pythias, will meet this evening.

Wilbur J. Locke has recovered from his recent illness.

Miss Elizabeth J. Howe is visiting friends in Gloucester.

Hope lodge of Odd Fellows will elect officers next Monday evening.

Mrs. Allen C. Sewall is assisting at the fancy goods store of L. O. Norris during the holidays.

Interesting Christmas music has been prepared for all the churches in town for next Sunday's services.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark H. Webster have returned from a ten days' visit with the latter's relatives in several towns in Maine.

J. C. Brush will leave Friday morning for his home in Newburgh, N. Y. where he will spend the Christmas holiday. He will return the first of next week.

The annual midwinter social of the High School Alumni association will be held Friday evening of this week in Nevins Memorial.

Miss Margaret A. Leggett, the talented young soprano of this town, will sing.

Business is quiet at the mill of the Knitted Fabric company and a portion of the works is shut down the winders having been sent out last night. The knitters will probably be kept busy the remainder of the week to finish up the yarn on hand. After the holidays the company will take account of stock and as soon as orders are received operations will be resumed.

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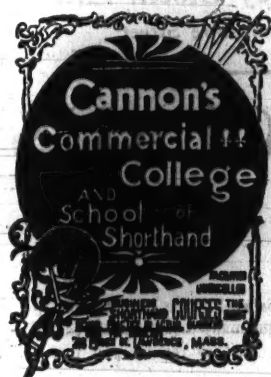
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Around the County

INJUNCTIONS DELAYED.

HAVERHILL, Dec. 20.—The issuance of the injunctions against property owners by the Haverhill Temperance union is delayed temporarily. A committee has been appointed to decide upon a form of notice to be sent to owners of buildings where liquor is known to be or to have been sold. These notices will warn owners to discontinue the leasing of their buildings to sellers of liquor lest they personally become amenable to the law in case a conviction for illegal selling is secured against the occupant. The union is confident that many owners will answer favorably their request to keep the saloons out of their buildings. Such as do this will be exempted from injunction proceedings. A reasonable length of time will be allowed, and then the injunctions will be issued.

WILL BE UNITED.

DANVERS, Dec. 21.—By a notice in a Boston paper two brothers, one living in this town the other in Philadelphia, will undoubtedly be united, although previously neither knew the whereabouts of the other. At least this is the way things now appear. August Werner of East Allegheny Avenue, Philadelphia, and John Werner of Danvers, for the past five years in the employ of Bernard, Friedman & Co., are the men. The former wrote to the paper a few days ago, asking for assistance in locating a number of relatives, and John Werner saw the request, and has communicated with the man, who, he thinks, is his own brother.

HEARING BEFORE LICENSE BOARD.

LYNN, Dec. 22.—A hearing was given before the license commissioners last evening on the petition of agent Horace D. King of the Tolman temperance fund for the revocation of the license of Jannin & Ingersoll, common victuallers. The complaint alleged that this firm had sold liquor to be drunk off the premises in violation of their license. The witnesses for the complainant were Mr. King, Detective Vincent and Mr. Brockway. Vincent testified to having made purchases of bottled goods on Dec. 13 and 15, and King and Brockway testified to having witnessed the sales. The defendants entered a general denial. The commissioners reserved decision until Thursday evening.

FAILED TO AGREE.

HAVERHILL, Dec. 22.—The aldermen again discussed the salary bill at their meeting last night and refused to concur with the common council by adhering to their former action. Both branches of the city government will hold their last meeting next Tuesday evening, and unless an agreement is reached then upon the salary question the matter will go over to the next city council for settlement. The salaries in dispute are those of the mayor, city treasurer, superintendent of street lights, inspector of animals, district highway surveyors and police matron. The aldermen voted to name the new schoolhouse in ward 6 in honor of Mayor Edwin H. Moulton.

ALMOST A CONFLAGRATION.

HAVERHILL, Dec. 22.—John B. Shute lit a parlor match at his apartments in the Pearson block on Essex street yesterday morning, and incidentally started quite a lively conflagration. The blazing end of the match blew into a lamp curtain and ignited it in a second. The flames spread quickly and Jere Donovan, the job man, was the first outsider to notice them. He went to Mr. Shute's assistance, and Dr. I. J. Clarke summoned the firemen from the Central station. They brought a land chemical with them, and in five minutes the fire was out. Two chairs were burned besides the curtain, but the whole amount of the damage will be less than \$20.

OBSERVED FOREFATHERS' DAY.

SALEM, Dec. 22.—The Essex Congregational club observed Forefathers' day with a banquet and interesting exercises in the Tabernacle chapel last evening. Nearly 100 persons were present. Justice Sherman and Sheriff Samuel Johnson were guests of the club. District Attorney White, president, presided. Music was furnished by Miss Harriet P. Richards of Danvers and Mr. Ashton of Salem. Prayer was offered by Rev. Robert M. Martin, Hon. William M. Odlin, secretary of state, delivered an interesting address on the "Bradford Manuscript."

SUIT FOR \$100,000.

SALEM, Dec. 22.—In the superior civil court yesterday the case of Louis M. Packard vs. the Thompson-Houston electric company of Lynn was placed on trial. This is an action to recover \$100,000 for the loss of both hands in an accident while working in the machine department of the electric works in Lynn. Plaintiff was employed at work on the machine May 11, 1895, and lost both hands by reason, it is alleged, of the machine being out of order and repeating its cut. Both of plaintiff's arms are off just below the elbow. On trial.

ONLY LYNN RESIDENTS TO BE EMPLOYED.

LYNN, Dec. 21.—A communication was received by the city government last evening from the local carpenters union asking that none but Lynn residents be employed on the new public library building and that eight hours constitute a day's work. Mayor Ramsdell stated to the board of aldermen that the trustees of the public library had decided to do this.

REJECTED RECOMMENDATIONS.

DANVERS, Dec. 21.—The adjourned town meeting last night, which was originally called to hear the report of the committee on investigation of the fire department, rejected the recommendation that Chief Engineer Berry be requested to resign, and took no action on 20 other recommendations made on other town matters.

Heavy Fine Imposed.

Judge Stone's instruction that a warrant be issued against the proprietor of the Franklin house, alleging violation of the liquor law, was carried out and this morning A. C. Fowler appeared in court. The specific charge was maintaining a liquor nuisance. He pleaded not guilty. He was represented by Lawyer Crowell, of the firm of Mahoney & Crowell.

Three witnesses were sworn for the commonwealth. They were Dennis Mahoney, Patrick Donovan and Michael Donovan. Dennis Mahoney said that he lived at 165 Lowell street. Last Sunday afternoon he went into the Franklin house about 3 o'clock in company with Michael and Patrick Donovan. They proceeded to a rear room, which was filled with men. The witness remained there about two hours during which time many persons went in and out. He had six or seven glasses of ale. Four or five men were serving the drinks. He paid for the ale. He had nothing to eat and saw no food about the place. Other people also drank. The witness further said that he did not register.

Patrick Donovan was next called. He testified that he lived at 134 Oxford street. He corroborated Mahoney's testimony, as did Michael Donovan, who was the last witness.

No evidence was submitted by the defense and Lawyer Crowell made no argument.

Judge Stone, without comment, imposed a fine of \$150 or three months. An appeal was taken and sureties were fixed at \$400.

BAD AMESBURY BOYS.

AMESBURY, Dec. 20.—Four young men, from 17 to 22 years old, who live in Salisbury, were arrested by State Officer Hammond Friday night on suspicion of having been implicated in recent robberies in Salisbury. In the local court Saturday they pleaded guilty and were bound over to the February term of the superior court. Their names are William Nichols, L. W. Dow, C. F. Dow and C. S. Bray. They are all respectively connected and all of them have had good reputations. Salisbury has been the scene of several burglaries of late, four stores having been among the places entered. Considerable booty was secured by the thieves, including sums of money. The local authorities did their best to stop the thieves, and being unable to do so called upon State Officer Hammond for assistance. The value of the plunder was several hundred dollars.

INHALED ILLUMINATING GAS.

LYNN, Dec. 20.—Stephen I. Weeks, a resident of Beverly, died at the Lynn hospital yesterday afternoon as a result of inhaling illuminating gas, probably with suicidal intent. Weeks came to this city Thursday and registered at Crafts hotel. He appeared to be ill Friday night when he went to his room. Yesterday morning a strong odor of gas was noticeable coming from his room, and when the door was forced open Weeks was found lying unconscious on the bed, fully dressed. He was taken to the hospital but never regained consciousness. He was about 80 years old and was a native of Oxford county, Me. He was a veteran of the rebellion.

SCHOONER BURNED.

SALEM, Dec. 20.—The three-masted schooner, Marguerite, from St. John to New York, with a cargo of laths, was found to be on fire this morning, and the crew were unable to prevent the spread of the flames. The vessel will burn to the water's edge. The schooner put in here for a harbor and anchored off Beverly Farms, opposite the residence of Dr. Fitch. The crew were raising the anchor to get under way when the cabin was found to be in flames. When it was found that the fire was too much for the crew, a boat was sent ashore and an alarm rung in. The Beverly apparatus responded, but the vessel was too far off shore to be reached by a streamer, and the firemen and crew saw the vessel burn to the water's edge.

BURGLARS AT BYFIELD.

BYFIELD, Dec. 22.—Lewis Wells' grocery store, located near the B. & M. railroad station, was entered by thieves Monday night. They bored holes through the panels of the door and broke out a place large enough for a man to crawl through. Once inside the thieves had things their own way, and took anything they wanted. The break was discovered by the clerk when he reached the store early this morning, but could not tell how much was stolen until an investigation was made. The stock of goods on hand was large.

WILL NOT AFFECT AMESBURY.

AMESBURY, Dec. 20.—It is not expected that the present movement to reduce wages in Fall River and Manchester cotton mills will have effect on the Hamilton corporation here. The Hamilton mills employ 800 hands.

WANT PERMANENT POLICE FORCE.

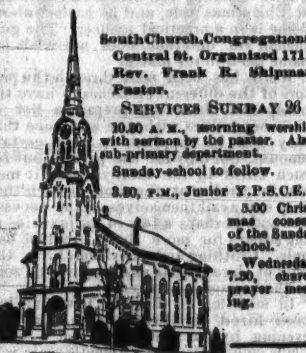
LYNN, Dec. 21.—At the meeting of both branches of the city government last night an order was passed requesting the mayor to petition the general court for legislation placing the police force on a permanent basis and doing away with the appointment each year of the officers.

After hearing some friends continually praising Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, Curtis Fleck, of Anaheim, California, purchased a bottle for his own use and is now an enthusiastic over its wonderful work as anyone can be. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by Arthur Bliss, Andover, Mass. C. H. Shattuck, M. D., Ballardvale, Murphy's Drug Store, No. Andover.

COFFEE causes debility, changes the gastric juices, disturbs the digestion, and often produces dizziness and paralysis. Avoid all this by using "Ayer's Hygienic Cereal Coffee."

ANDOVER CHURCHES.

Their Next Week's Services and Past Week's Doings.



South Church, Congregational, Central St. Organized 1711. Rev. Frank R. Shipman, Pastor.

SERVICES SUNDAY 26

10.30 A. M., morning worship, with sermon by the pastor. Also, sub-primary department. Sunday-school to follow.

2.30 P. M., Junior Y.P.S.C.E.

5.00 P. M., Christmas concert of the Sunday school.

Wednesday, 7.30, church prayer meeting.

West Parish Congregational Church, Organized 1898. Rev. Robert A. MacFadden, Pastor.

SUNDAY DEC. 26

10.30 A. M., Morning worship. Sermon by the pastor.

Sunday-school at 11 o'clock.

7.00 P. M., Christmas Endeavor meeting, led by Hattie Dedson.

Abbot District—3.30 Sunday-school.

7.00 Evening worship. Led by Deacon Samuel H. Boutwell.

Osgood District—3.30 Sunday-school.

7.00 Evening worship, with sermon by the pastor.

Tuesday, 2.30, Juvenile Missionary Society.

Wednesday, The Annual Meeting of the Church. Preparatory lecture at 8. Supper at 6. Business meeting at 7.30.

Christ Church, Episcopal, Central Street Organized 1835. Rev. Frederic Palmer, Rector.

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 26.

10.00 A. M., Morning Prayer, with sermon by the Rector.

12.00, Sunday-school.

7.00 P. M., Evening Prayer, with sermon by the Rector.

Friday, Dec. 24, Christmas Tree.

Saturday, Christmas Day, Morning Prayer with sermon by the Rector, 10.30 A. M. Holy Communion, 11.30.

Friday, Dec. 31, 7.30 P. M., Girls' Friendly Society.

Saturday, Jan. 1, Sunshine Circle, 2 P. M.

Free Church, Congregational, Railroad St., Organized 1846. Rev. Frederic A. Wilson, Pastor.

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 26.

10.30 A. M., worship with sermon by the pastor.

Sunday-school to follow the morning service.

6.00 P. M., Christmas concert of the Sunday School.

7.00 P. M., Y.P.S.C.E. A song service and consecration meeting.

Tuesday, 7.15 P. M., meeting of the Boys' Brigade Company.

At 7.45 o'clock Wednesday evening, Service preparatory to Communion.

On Friday evening, Annual festival for the children at the vestry.

Baptist Church, cor. of Essex and Central Sts., Organized 1854. Rev. F. W. Klein, Pastor.

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 26

10.30 A. M., worship, with sermon by pastor.

Sunday-school to follow the morning service.

7.00 P. M., Consecration meeting of the Y.P.S.C.E.

The weekly prayer and conference and the monthly church covenant and business meeting on Wednesday evening, at 7.30 o'clock.

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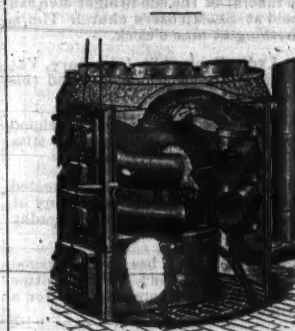
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North Andover News

Miss Watson is visiting her mother in Roxbury.

Mrs. Harry St. Clair is visiting at George Royal's.

Miss Ella Small is spending her vacation in Boston.

Landlord Loring has presented each of his tenants with a turkey.

Mrs. Annie Knowlton of Boston will spend the holidays in town.

James Colquhoun and family will spend Christmas in Amesbury.

Christmas festivals of the various churches will be held this evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sutton will entertain out of town guests over Christmas.

The annual meeting of the Methodist Sabbath school occurs Friday evening, Dec. 31.

Mrs. J. A. Roache and Miss Belle Roache will visit in Millbury over the Christmas holidays.

Anderson's orchestra of Lawrence has been engaged to furnish music for the Burns Anniversary.

"I am the vine, ye are the branches," was the text of Rev. B. J. Johnston's sermon, Sunday morning.

Mr. Perley's shoe store has been made attractive with decorations of holiday green and is well stocked with seasonable goods.

M. D. Stickney, foreman of the Finnegan farm, has resigned, and later will rejoin his family who have removed to Stratham, N. H.

The truth of the old proverb is realized this morning particularly the last part of the saying, "When the days begin to lengthen, the cold begins to strengthen."

Deacon and Mrs. Nathan Willoughby of Hollis, N. H., have been making a Christmas visit with their daughter, Mrs. John G. Brown. The venerable deacon is close upon fourscore years and remarkably well preserved.

The Christmas festival of the Unitarian Sunday school will be held in the vestry this evening. The vestry is decorated with evergreens. A Christmas tree, supper and games and dancing will constitute the evening's entertainment.

Charles Wilcox has purchased a fine looking pair of draught horses. He left Tuesday morning with a team and six horses to work upon the estate highway in Yarmouth. George Tuttle is also working at the same place.

Ex-Governor H. Fred Jenkins of Mayflower Colony, Pilgrim Fathers, of Lawrence, was chosen a trustee of the organization, Monday evening, and also elected to represent the colony at the supreme colony to meet in Boston in April.

Agent Colby of the Merrimack Fire Insurance Co., is distributing his annual calendar, just issued by the Andover Press. This year Mr. Colby has selected another picturesque local scene—the "enchanted bridge" on the Shawheenu—and the attractive half tone representation is in great demand throughout the town.

The funeral of Frank Ariel Cheney was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the late home, corner of Elm and Water Streets. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. W. E. Gibbs of the First Universalist Church, Lawrence. Interment was in Ridgewood cemetery.

Miss Mary B. Moody, who died at the home of E. W. Moody, Wednesday morning at 7:30 o'clock of heart failure, was buried at Rochester, N. H., this afternoon, at 2 o'clock in the family lot at her late New Hampshire home. Mr. Moody accompanied the remains of his aunt to the last resting place.

St. Paul's Parish will observe the Christmas festival in Stevens' Hall this evening at 7:30 o'clock. All connected with the parish and out-of-town guests of parishioners are invited. There will be a celebration of holy communion at the church to-morrow with special music, directed by Prof. R. A. Redmond, at half past two o'clock.

The following were chosen officers of Bradstreet Colony, U. O. P. F., Monday evening: Governor, M. H. Manchester; lieutenant-governor, Katherine J. Lamore; secretary, E. L. Perley; collector, A. B. Bixby; treasurer, Nellie M. Perley; chaplain, J. M. Craig; sergeant-at-arms, E. Costello; deputy sergeant-at-arms, Sarah O'Brien; sentinel, inner gate, James Thompson; sentinel, outer gate, William Woolley; trustees, E. S. Robinson; A. D. Carleton, W. G. Stone; representative to supreme colony, F. A. Coan. These officers will be installed by Lewis Towey and suite of Lawrence, Jan. 3.

The funeral of the late Leon H. Bassett, took place from the house on the Bradford road, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Henry Elbert Barnes, D. D., officiating. About 25 members of Wauwinet lodge, marched to the house and returned under the marshaling of Henry R. Smith. Appropriate funeral hymns were rendered by Dr. Smith, Mrs. Butterworth, Miss Sanborn and Mr. Butterworth. There was a wealth of floral offerings from friends. Messrs Thomas P. Wentworth, E. E. Chesley, J. C. Poor, G. L. Barker, J. B. Lewis, W. H. Hayes, served as bearers. Interment was in Ridgewood cemetery.

Following is a list of the officers chosen for the Y. P. S. C. E., Wednesday evening:

President, W. M. McQueston, Vice-President, Miss Annie L. Sargent, Secretary, Miss Edna M. Holt, Treasurer, Arthur Bassett.

Sunday school committee, Miss Edna Holt, George Hosmer, Miss George Clark, Alfred Glennie, John Reanie.

Relief, Miss Mabel Morrill, Jennie Ward, Clara Hosmer, Rachel Barrington, Florence Davis.

Social, Nellie Stillings, Nettie Leonard, Wm. McQueston, Miss Edith Brown, Miss Anna Field.

Prayer meeting, Miss Ella Currier, Miss Cora Holt, Miss Annie Duncan, Miss Putney, Mr. Woodbury.

Lookout, Mrs. Moses Merrill, Elizabeth Saunders, Amelia Duncan, D. W. Carney, Edward Butterworth.

Miss Laura Ramsdell is visiting friends in Haverhill.

The Burns Club anniversary committee met last evening.

Miss Laura A. Bailey is visiting with relatives in Chelsea.

The McCloy's are occupying the Fish dwelling at the Centre.

The usual family gathering will be held at Osgood Hall on Christmas.

Miss Marguerite Newhall is making a brief visit with friends in Lynn.

A colonial house will probably be erected on the Bannan property.

Miss Bessie May Shepard of Waltham is spending her vacation at home.

John Shearer has removed to the Weeks dwelling on Beverly Street.

Mrs. John Burnham has returned from Groton, after a visit of several weeks.

Mrs. T. P. Sawyer and Walter Burnham are to spend the holiday season in Groton.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Abbott will visit with relatives in Lowell to-morrow.

David Shearer and family are now occupying a cottage on Marblehead Street.

John Duncan will sing at the entertainment of the Caledonian Club New Year's eve.

There will be a family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shepard, Christmas.

The funeral of the late Bridget McKean was held at St. Michael's church Thursday morning at nine o'clock.

Mrs. Lydia Beck of St. Johnsbury, Vt., is visiting relatives in Lawrence and this town during the holiday season.

The next meeting of the Neighborhood Club will be held at the home of Miss Anna Tucker, Wednesday, Jan. 5.

Benjamin Hayes and others represented Rescue Lodge at the 14th anniversary of Longfellow Lodge of Haverhill, Tuesday evening.

Out of town talent has been engaged for the Burns social and the committee is making elaborate preparations for a good time.

Robert Duncan has been appointed on the committee to provide an entertainment for the Lawrence Caledonian Club on Hogmanay.

Mrs. Phipps, Mrs. C. P. Morrill and Mrs. Geo. A. Rea will have charge of the fortnightly sociable of the Charitable Union, Wednesday evening.

Messrs. George S. Fuller and Edward A. Fuller have purchased Stowell's Jackson Street stables in Lawrence, and will take possession of the same Jan. 1.

There was a special meeting of the Burns social club at the home of William K. Taylor on High Street, last evening, when business of importance was transacted.

Hood's Pills cure nausea, sick headache, indigestion, biliousness. All druggists. 25 c.

A very entertaining and wistful successful Christmas concert was given by the Methodist Sabbath School members under the direction of Supt. E. S. Edmunds, Sunday. The musical selections by Miss Cole, the organist, were bright and cheerful and the recitative features of the program were in the main given without hesitation. The program included these numbers:

Organ solo, Miss Cole; Song, E. S. Edmunds; Scripture lesson, Rev. B. J. Johnston; Invocation, Miss Edith Stickney; Opening address, Fred Morton; Declaration, Andrew Colquhoun; Class exercise, "Christmas," Mrs. Walker; Christmas song, solo by Mrs. Edmunds.

Choir, Selwin Wagner; Recitation, Miss Olive Rand; Class exercise, Conducted by Miss Lizzie Hayes; John Quinton; Song, School; Declaration, Alexander Miller; Recitations, Misses Edith Stickney and Olive Rand; Edith Towne; Song, Miss Carrie Douglas; School; Recitation, Miss Beatrice Wagner; Declaration, Percy Reed; Symbol exercise, Miss H. D. Brierley's class; Recitation, Miss Lucy Colquhoun; Song, School; Recitation, Miss Amanda Reed; Recitation, Miss Agnes Colquhoun; Recitation, Miss Estelle Douglas; Miss Clara Hayes; Concert exercise, Misses White, Copeland and Douglas; Declaration, William Brierley; Recitation, Miss Clara Gile; Closing remarks, Pastor.

The interior decorations consisted of evergreen wreaths and juniper boughs in the windows; a twining of evergreen about the pulpit and a festoon of evergreen enclosing the word "Welcome" which was placed on the organ. Financially speaking the school is in good condition and it also shows a gain in numerical strength. The decorations were arranged by Mr. Jenness.

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Scattering Sunshine.

Wednesday morning the Globe said: "There is a man in Winchester who believes in applied Christianity as the best way to gladden the hearts of the needy at Christmas tide, and he has set about doing it in a practical manner. The gentleman in question does not wish his name used in the matter."

Word has been sent through the pastors of the different churches to have the needy and deserving prepare a list of their necessities with the assurance that they will be supplied up to a certain amount, not only for the parents but for each child in the family. And it may also be said that the limit is such that they can avail themselves of the necessities and perhaps a few of the luxuries of the season for more than Christmas day only. Clothing and provisions form the bulk of the requests and they will be sent to the houses as ordered.

In addition to this the town hall has been hired for Friday afternoon and evening by the same man, and a Santa Claus celebration on a gigantic scale will be given for the children of the town, rich and poor alike.

The gentleman who is doing all this so modestly and in such an unassuming manner, is one whose name is well-known outside of this town, perhaps better than in it."

Such an offer is characteristic of the generosity of George H. Gilbert, a former townsman.

Neighborhood Club Meeting.

The evening gathering of the Neighborhood club at D. A. Carleton's, Tremont valley farm, last week, Thursday, was a happy occasion. The evening opened socially and with the solving of puzzles in which the names of authors were found, after which the following program was carried out:

Poem, "Greeting," Miss Emily F. Carleton.

Again, we throw the latch-string out, To lure the neighbors in, From daily toil, face right—

Draw close, ye bonds of neighborhood, For all that's true and right; Let purpose seek the common good, With lamps all trimmed and bright.

'Tis good to pass the greeting round, To spread the festive board, To catch the strains of song, that sound From Memory's treasured hoard.

'Tis good to feast on all that cheers In fun and mirth of youth, And good it is, from riper years To gather wholesome truth.

Fall to, now, friends, and sup your share, And drink joy's brimming bowl; There's strength in Reason's home made fare, And life in flow of soul.

A hearty greeting, "Neighborhood," Shout my word to all; From out our hands, some crumbs of good A-down the years shall fall.

E. F. C.

Essay, "The Witch Hazel," Miss M. A. Berry.

Talk, "Hill-top Views," D. A. Carleton.

Music—Singing by the Farnham school with Miss Grace H. Chamberlain, accompanist.

1. "The Holidays are here." 2. "O Come, Come away."

Essay, "Advantages of Country Life," B. H. Farnham.

"Neighborhood Parties in the Days of Our Grandmothers."—A paper prepared by Mrs. J. H. Rea and read by Miss Anna M. Tucker.

Talk, "Neighborhood Interests," Rev. Chas. Noyes.

Refreshments were served and the evening closed with merry games.

Interesting Notes About Books and the People Who Make Them.

A book written with a purpose, and that purpose a most laudable one, has recently been given to the public through the publishing house of DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., Boston. It is entitled "For Pitty's Sake," and is a strong presentation of the inhuman treatment often given to dumb animals, despite their usefulness, faithfulness and many other good traits.

The author, Mrs. Sarah Nelson Carter, of Andover, Mass., dedicates the work to her horse, dog and cat. Many pleasant reminiscences of the famous hostelry, the old Mansion House of Andover, are given, and stories told of dogs owned by Harriet Beecher Stowe and Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, and anecdotes of several well-known professors of that town which has produced so many great men and women makes the book very interesting.

Throughout a spirit of kindness towards God's dumb creatures is taught in a most entertaining manner. The entire book is interesting and will find a large class of readers. It is a most profitable book for the young, and all will find in it many salutary lessons. Among the many illustrations are the famous Mansion House, the scene of many of the incidents related, a view of Main Street in that town of colleges, the Andover home of Harriet Beecher Stowe and many excellent cuts of animals. The book is printed in large type, on excellent paper, well and attractively bound, and will undoubtedly find a large sale as a holiday gift.—Haverhill Gazette.

Games of all kinds for 5c., 10c., 15c., and 19c., at L. C. Moore & Co.'s Department Store, Lawrence.

20 cts Given Away.

Cut this out, write your name across it in ink and take it to the druggist named below and he will give you a 25c bottle of Dr. Sawyer's Family Cure for Seta. Family Cure, cures all forms of Kidney difficulties, Puffed eyes, muddy complexion, makes sallow and yellow skin white, cures water-brash, cures pains in stomach and liver, cures constipation. W. M. & W. A. Allen, Andover.

Piano Talk.

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IF you wish your children to have a musical education

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IF you have musical friends

You Cannot Afford to Pass Us By When Looking for a Piano

IF you want a first-class piano at an honest price

IF you want terms which you can easily meet

IF you want a reliable guarantee backed up by financial responsibility instead of idle promises

IF you cannot call during the day, come in the evening; we will keep open house every evening from now until Christmas.

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Andover National Bank.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Andover National Bank will be held at their banking rooms, on Tuesday the 11th day of January, 1898, at 3 o'clock P.M., for the choice of Directors and the transaction of any other business that may properly come before them.

J. TYLER KIMBALL, Cashier.

Andover, Dec. 10, 1897.

Andover Savings Bank.

The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Andover Savings Bank will be held at the Bank on the FIRST Monday of January next, at 2 o'clock P. M., for the choice of Officers, and the transaction of any other business that may legally come before them.

JOHN F. KIMBALL, CLERK.

ANDOVER, December 24, 1897.

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The Long Reach and Union give perfect satisfaction.

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See what the matter with your stomach.

Sick stomach poisons liver and then there's trouble. Shaker Digestive Cordial cures stomach and then all's well. That's the case in a nutshell.

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The grandest line of Umbrellas, Mackintoshes, Fur Gloves, Caps, Sweaters, Overcoats and Ulsters for Man or Boy, White and Fancy Shirts, Gloves, Hosiery, Initial Silk Handkerchiefs, Embroidered Suspenders, Mufflers, Neck Ties and hundreds of other gifts.

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Lamps, Handkerchiefs, Perfumery, Gloves, Carpet Sweepers, Carpetings, Rugs, Etc., Etc., Bananas, Oranges, Prunes, Grapes, Figs and Dates, Honey, Nuts, Raisins, Olives and Pickles, Butter Scotch, Christmas Candy, Toilets Sets, Brushes and Combs, Fancy China, Christmas Candy, Butter Scotch, Olives and Pickles, Nuts, Raisins, Honey.

We are constantly receiving a new supply of HOLIDAY Goods which we shall be glad to show to the trade. Don't fail to see our Window Display.

SMITH & MANNING, DRY GOODS and GROCERIES,

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Sensible, Serviceable Gifts.

We want every man, woman and child in this vicinity to visit our store and examine our line of Holiday Goods.

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Goods are all new, bought early, very small price attached to each. Come and see our trade winner.

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